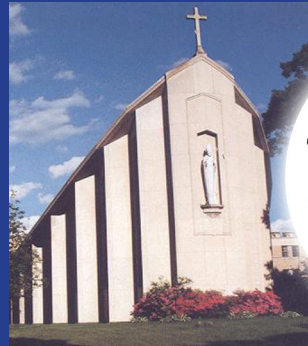


# Alumni Notes

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ST. MARY'S, NORTH EAST & ST. ALPHONSUS COLLEGE, SUFFIELD

## Appointments and transfers for 2015

**T**he Baltimore Province had its quadrennial appointments and transfers in early June, with some different twists. Until 2009 the province made the appointment of rectors and pastors every three years, with the possibility for reappointment for a second three-year term. Now throughout the entire Redemptorist world, rectors and superiors have four-year terms with the possibility of a second four-year term.

Also, in a few of our foundations, the office of rector/superior has been split from pastor of the parish. Until now in most of our foundations, the rector was both the pastor of the parish and the superior of the community. Not so anymore for OLPH in Brooklyn, St. Peter's in Philadelphia, and Our Mother of Perpetual Help in Ephrata.

We have closed the rectory at Our Lady of Fatima in Baltimore. The Redemptorists working at Fati-

ma will now live at Sacred Heart in Baltimore. We are also closing our rectory in Manhattan at 61st Street, effective November 1.

We have returned to Newton Grove, N.C., a town the Redemptorists left in 1953. In the days of segregation, the Redemptorists staffed many black parishes in the Vice-Province of Richmond. When the diocese integrated the black and white churches, the Redemptorists gave up the separate black parish, and the town's Catholics worshiped in one church. Now Newton Grove has a large Hispanic population, and three Spanish-speaking Redemptorists have been assigned to Newton Grove and two nearby towns, Clinton and Ingold. Assigned to our new foundation in Newton Grove are Joe Dionne, superior; Kevin Moley, '62, and Mark Wise, '64. Here are all our new appointments:

Tom Barrett, '61; Andrew Carr, '49; Jack Jason Fiske;



The Ordinary Provincial Council (from left): Father Gerard Knapp (North East '67), Vicar Provincial; Father Paul Borowski ('78), Provincial Superior; and Father Matthew Allman, Second Consultor.

Stephen Lendvay; Tom Sullivan, '64; Art Wendel, '55; all at St. John Neumann Residence at Stella Maris, Timonium, Md.

Matt Allman, province vocation director

Richard Bennett, pastor, St. Peter's/St. John Neumann Shrine, Philadelphia

Ray Collins, '63, rector/shrine director, St. Peter's/St. John Neumann Shrine, Philadelphia

George Blasick, rector/pastor, St. Clement's, Saratoga Springs, N.Y.

Al Bradley, doctoral studies

Blas Caceres, Redemptorist from Paraguay, associate pastor, St. Peter's, Philadelphia

Gordon Cannoles, '62, associate pastor, St. Clement's Mission House (OMPH), Ephrata, Pa.

Gerard Chylko, associate pastor, St. Peter's/St. John Neumann Shrine, Philadelphia

Luye Dau, on loan to the Diocese of Victoria, Canada

Pierre Desruisseaux, Redemptorist from Haiti, associate pastor, Our

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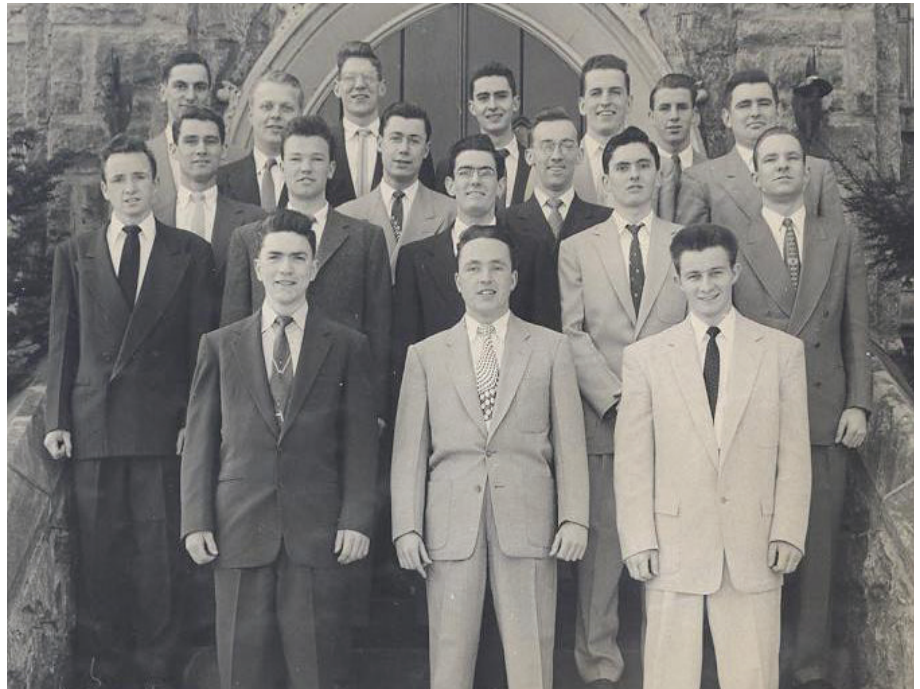
# Graduating class of 1955

**Front row:** Tom Hickey, Socius in North East, left the ministry and married; Phil Fitzpatrick, deceased; Richard O'Brien, deceased

**Second row:** Dennis Foley, stationed in Long Branch, N.J., had been rector at Seaford, De., North East, and Sacred Heart, Baltimore; Joe Everett; Tom Finucane, deceased; Jack Monaghan, left the ministry and married, deceased; Bill McMurrer, spent most of his priesthood in Puerto Rico, deceased

**Third row:** Harold Spacht, in Puerto Rico for the past 52 years, rector in the Dominican Republic, Aguadilla, and Mayagüez; Harry McVeigh, retired and living in Tampa; Dick Moran, retired as a diocesan priest in Boston, now in Florida

**Top row:** Jerry Brinkmann, stationed in Philadelphia, had spent many years in Puerto Rico and then preaching Spanish missions throughout the country; Arthur Wendel, taught in North East, led an alumni



choir, rector in Manhattan and Esopus, now at Stella Maris in Timonium; Ed Wutzer, married with three children and living in Loudonville, N.Y., worked in the criminal-justice system; Pat McGarrity, stationed in Ephrata, Pa., Prefect in Esopus and rector in Suffield and Lancaster;

Ed Hayden, recently deceased; Ed Twomey, missionary in Brazil for years, first Provincial of Campo Grande Province, now married and living in Campo Grande; Dick Bonner, missionary in Puerto Rico, rector in San Lorenzo, Caguas, and Philadelphia, deceased. ■

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Lady of Perpetual Help (Mission Church), Boston

Jim Dowds, Chaplain at Naval Air Weapons Station China Lake, Ridgecrest, Calif.

Arthur Gildea, '61, associate pastor, Our Lady of Fatima, Baltimore

Jim Gilmour, '64, pastor, Our Lady of Perpetual Help, 59th Street, Brooklyn, N.Y.

John Hamrogue '57, associate pastor, Immaculate Conception, Bronx, N.Y.

John Harrison, '61, rector, St. John Neumann Residence, Stella

Maris, Timonium, Md.

Bob Harrison, rector and associate pastor, Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Brooklyn, N.Y.

Eric Hoog, '65, Chaplain at MCAS New River, Jacksonville, N.C.

John Kingsbury, North American Conference Coordinator, Sacred Heart of Jesus, Baltimore

Bruce Lewandowski, rector/pastor, Sacred Heart of Jesus, Baltimore

Jim McDonald, Chaplain, Sisters of St. Joseph of Peace, Englewood Cliffs, N.J.

Anthony Michalik, associate pastor, St. Peter's/St. John Neumann Shrine, Philadelphia

Kevin Moley, '62, associate pastor, Our Lady of Guadalupe, Newton Grove, N.C.

Bob Pagliari, '67, specialized ministry/sabbatical

Richard Poetzel, '57, pastor, Our Lady of Fatima, living at Sacred Heart of Jesus, Baltimore

Henry Sattler, '68, province secretary and assistant, Brooklyn, N.Y.

Michael Sergi, '71, associate

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# Father Jim Geiger, '54

Last year Father Jim Geiger, C.Ss.R., '54, celebrated 60 years since his graduation from North East. Professed in 1955 and ordained in 1960, he taught Latin in North East in 1961. He then went to Catholic University in Washington, D.C., to earn his master's in classical languages. He taught Latin and Greek in Suffield (1964-70) before being appointed rector of North East in 1970.

After two terms as rector in North East, he became rector of our retreat house in Long Branch, N.J. He then preached parish missions before becoming the last pastor of St. James, Baltimore.

Then on to the southeastern states, where he was rector in Hil-



ton Head, S.C., Orangeburg, S.C., and St. Joe's, Tampa. He was also at our retreat house in Hampton, Va. He was rector in Concord, N.C., where he built a new church and parish complex. At his retirement last year, they named the parish hall Geiger Hall.

His brother, Father Bill Geiger, was the minister in North East when Father Jim was rector.

When Father Bill celebrated Mass in priestly vestments instead of his usual maintenance uniform, Jerome Chavarria told him, "Wow, even the maintenance men celebrate Mass here."

Father John McLaughlin, rector in Ephrata, used to say that Father Jim would smoke his cigars down to the butt, and then his brother, Father Bill, would finish off the butt.

They still kid him about the time he walked into the study hall with a roll of toilet paper and told the students they were using too much toilet paper.

Father Jim is now happily retired at St. Alphonsus Villa in New Smyrna Beach, Fla. ■

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pastor, St. Gerard, Lima, Ohio

Gerard Symkowiak, '61, rector and associate pastor, St. Clement's Mission House (OMPH), Ephrata, Pa.

Joe Tizio, '67, rector/pastor, Our Lady of Perpetual Help (Mission Church), Boston

Yvon Tremont, Redemptorist from Haiti, associate pastor, St. Peter's/St. John Neumann Shrine, Philadelphia

Mark Wise, '64, associate pastor, Our Lady of Guadalupe, Newton Grove, N.C.

Bob Wojtek, '73, associate pastor, St. Mary's, Annapolis, Md.

Brother DeSales Zimpfer, parochial minister, Our Lady of Fatima, living at Sacred Heart, Baltimore

Gene Grohe, '44, administrator, Sacred Heart, Esopus, N.Y.

Joseph Francis Jones, '65, rector, Notre Dame Retreat House, Canandaigua, N.Y.

John McLoughlin, '75, pastor, Our Mother of Perpetual Help, Ephrata, Pa.

Jim O'Blaney, '52, pastor, St. James, Lititz, Pa.

Frank Skelly, '64, rector/pastor, Immaculate Conception, Bronx, N.Y.

Clement Vadakkedath, Redemptorist from India, rector/pastor, Our Lady of Lourdes, Seaford, De.

Rich Welch, '74, rector, Our Lady of Perpetual Help, 61st Street, New York City

The following confreres were

re-appointed as rector/superior:

Frank Gargani, rector, Our Lady of Good Counsel, Shore Road, Brooklyn, N.Y.

Frank Mulvaney, rector, St. Alphonsus Formation Residence, Bronx, N.Y.

Jim Wallace, '63, rector, San Alfonso Retreat House, Long Branch, N.J.

Sean McGillicuddy, '73, rector, Most Holy Redeemer, New York City

John Olenick, rector, Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Philadelphia

Jim Szobonya, rector, St. Gerard, Lima, Ohio

John Tizio, '76, rector, St. Mary's, Annapolis, Md.

Pat Woods, '66, rector, St. Martin of Tours, Bethpage, N.Y. ■



# Remember our deceased alumni



**Father Jerry Murphy, '45,** died on April 17, 2015. He spent the first 35

years of his priesthood in Brazil and then many years at St. Alphonsus Villa in New Smyrna Beach, Fla., in the Redemptorists' retirement home.



**Father Don Winter, '49,** died on May 17, 2015. He spent 20 years in

Paraguay and the past 45 years in parishes throughout the South.

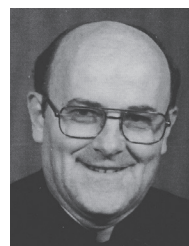
**Father Tom Loftus, '51,** of Campo Grande, Brazil, died on May 31, 2015. He spent



**Father Loftus**

the first 17 years of his priestly life teaching in Ponta Grossa, the equivalent of North East for the Province of Campo Grande.

**Father George Kelly, '53,** died on June 15, 2015. He spent his entire priestly life in the South and was rector



**Father Kelly**

in North Carolina, Georgia, and Jacksonville, Fla.

**Father Henry Beauchamp, C.Ss.R.**

**Ed Hayden, '55**

**Ed Donovan, '57 ■**

## Class of '65 plans reunion in Brooklyn; all are welcome

**T**he class of '65 is planning a reunion at OLPH in Brooklyn for the weekend of Sept. 4-7, 2015, to celebrate the 50th anniversary of our graduation from North East. We have rooms reserved at the Hotel Gregory, about 20 blocks from OLPH, for \$184 a night—unheard of in NYC. There are also plenty of nice restaurants in the Bay Ridge/Bensonhurst area.

Please join us: everyone is invited. The reunion is not limited to the class of '65.

Go out with your classmates, your old Key Men crew, or the capos who never failed you in conduct. Anything you want. We don't want to over-schedule. Make some plans with others coming to the reunion. It is a great weekend to be in New York.

On Friday night we will have some pizza and beer/soda in Notre Dame Hall starting around 6 p.m.

On Saturday we will have a sit-down catered dinner with a video of North East and a little Jeopardy from John Brolly, '66. Let me know what you want to do on Saturday night. Any skits or singing. Of course, I will need a firm count for the catered dinner.

On Sunday we will attend the 10:15 a.m. Mass at OLPH, followed by breakfast in the cafeteria and a talk by our new Provincial, Father Paul Borowski. The afternoon is free for a tour around Brooklyn or dinner and theater for those so inclined.

There is so much to do in New York. Labor Day means catching the color of the West Indian parade in Brooklyn on Monday, Sept. 7. You can always count on crowds to be waving flags from Jamaica, Trinidad, Barbados, Grenada, Haiti, and other Caribbean nations in a joyful expression of ethnic heritage and cultural pride. You don't have to be from the West Indies to enjoy this parade.

The Washington Square Outdoor Art Exhibit will be held Labor Day weekend, Sept. 5-7, and Sept. 12-13. Check it out: [www.wsoae.org](http://www.wsoae.org).

The Broadway theaters had their best year ever. Get your tickets online for *Doctor Zhivago*, *Aladdin*, *The Lion King*, *Wicked*, *Matilda: The Musical*, *Kinky Boots*, and many more. Try these sites for discount tickets: [www.broadwaybox.com](http://www.broadwaybox.com) and [www.theatermania.com](http://www.theatermania.com).

Because the location is so close to a number of our parishes, we hope to have many more Redemptorists at this reunion. Come and enjoy a long weekend in New York. Go to a Broadway play. Organize a dinner for your class. Visit Coney Island or the Barclay Center. Brooklyn is the "hot spot" in New York City now.

For more information, e-mail me at [murrayccsr@gmail.com](mailto:murrayccsr@gmail.com). Please confirm that you will be coming to the dinner on Saturday night by emailing me. ■

—John Murray, '65